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***“Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.” Ends with Approximately 11,000 Citations Issued for Impaired Driving and Other Violations***

INDIANAPOLIS, IN. – The Governor’s Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving and the Traffic Safety Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) announced today the results of the recently concluded “*Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.*” Labor Day crackdown. Approximately 11,000 citations were issued statewide as a result of the increased enforcement during the impaired driving mobilization that began on August 17 and concluded on September 9.

In southeastern Indiana, more than 1,000 hours of overtime were put in by more than 100 officers during the campaign. These officers issued more than 650 citations for impaired drivers and other moving violations. “Impaired driving has far reaching ramifications. It does not just start and stop with the person behind the wheel driving impaired,” said Mike Cunegin, executive director of ICJI. “As a former law enforcement officer, I know first hand that a crash involving an impaired driver is devastating. What is even more tragic is that these crashes are clearly preventable.”

According to the Traffic Safety Alcohol Fact Sheet from the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, 273 people, out of 899 total fatalities, lost their lives in traffic crashes in Indiana in 2006 due to an impaired driver. “Although this statistic is disturbing, I remain encouraged by the aggressive efforts of Indiana law enforcement and their continued crackdown on impaired drivers,” said Ryan Klitzsch, Traffic Safety division director at ICJI.

“I am confident high-visibility enforcement and intense media coverage deployed during this (DUI) campaign worked to heighten the public’s awareness of the dangers of impaired driving. However, drivers should be aware that sustained drunk driving enforcement will continue beyond this campaign,” Klitzsch concluded.

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This year's "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." enforcement crackdown benefited Hoosiers in many ways. While its primary purpose was to deter impaired driving through high-visibility enforcement, the mobilization also countered other potential traffic hazards, and rid local streets and neighborhoods of criminal activity. Following is a breakdown of significant arrests that occurred as a result of Indiana's increased DUI enforcement efforts:

County	Department	Significant Events & Arrests
Bartholomew	Bartholomew County SD	One meth lab seizure, 1 possession of pre-cursors, 2 driving while suspended priors, 1 possession of cocaine (3.26 grams), 7 public intoxications, 7 no operator's license, 3 DUI arrests, 1 leaving the scene of a crash, 4 arrest assists, 4 warrants served, 1 illegal consumption, 1 arrest for intimidation of a police officer, 2 possession of paraphernalia, 4 fraudulent government ID's.
Fayette	Fayette County SD	One warrant arrest and 1 suspended driver citation.
Johnson	Johnson County Law Enforcement Coalition	One arrest for no operator's license, 1 possession of paraphernalia, 1 possession of controlled substances, 1 possession of a legend drug, 1 habitual traffic violator, 1 possession of marijuana and 1 leaving the scene of property accident.
Shelby	Shelby County SD	During a DUI checkpoint, a suspect was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of controlled substances (hydrocodone and Xanax). During a K-9 search of the vehicle, marijuana was found behind the gas cap cover. Suspect refused a chemical test and a search warrant was granted to obtain his blood. This suspect was also charged with intimidation of a police officer. A separate saturation patrol stop resulted in a felony arrest for possession of a legend drug.

The national *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* impaired driving crackdown is a prevention program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

*The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving serves as the public opinion catalyst and the implementing body for statewide action to reduce death and injury on Indiana roadways. The Council provides grant funding, training, coordination and ongoing support to state and local traffic safety advocates through funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.*

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